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PARRISH ANNOUNCES NEW TAX RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, today is reminding taxpayers that a number of voter-approved sales and use tax increases – designed to provide revenue for local purposes – will take effect on April 1, 2005.

The increases, approved by voters in last November's election, will fund programs at the city or county level for police, fire, public safety, hospitals, transportation, and other general purposes (see table below). Some tax increases apply to an entire county, some apply only within certain cities, and some are extensions of taxes currently in place.

<u>New Sales and Use Tax Rates</u>	<u>Rate Increase</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
City of Capitola Transactions and Use Tax	0.25%	8.25%
City of El Cajon Public Safety Facilities Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	8.25%
City of Farmersville Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
Fresno County Zoo Transactions and Use Tax	0.10%	7.975%
City of Lakeport Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
City of Los Banos Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
Marin County Transportation Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
Mariposa County Healthcare Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
City of Montclair Transactions and Use Tax	0.25%	8.00%
City of Richmond Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	8.75%
City of San Juan Bautista Transactions and Use Tax	0.75%	8.00%
City of Sand City Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%
City of Santa Rosa Transactions and Use Tax	0.25%	8.00%
City of Sebastopol Transactions and Use Tax (replaces Sebastopol's existing rate of .125%)	0.25%	8.00%
City of Stockton Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax	0.25%	8.00%
Sonoma County Transportation Transactions and Use Tax	0.25%	7.75%
City of South Lake Tahoe Transactions and Use Tax	0.50%	7.75%

The new sales and use tax rates apply to:

- Merchandise sold and delivered within the district by retailers located within the district, or sold by retailers located outside the district for use in the district. Retailers located outside the district, but considered to be engaged in business in the district must collect the district use tax from the purchaser. Note: Retailers are considered to be engaged in business in the district if they (1) have any type of business location there, (2) deliver into the district using their own vehicles, or (3) have an agent or representative in the district for the purpose of taking orders, selling, delivering, installing, or assembling.
- Sales of vehicles, vessels, or aircraft to customers who register them to an address located in the district.

- Lease payments received for leased property used by the lessee in the district.

If the out-of-district retailer does not collect the applicable district use tax, the purchaser must report and pay the district use tax to the Board.

Claude Parrish, of Long Beach, was elected to his first term as Third District Board Member of the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. In December 2004, Mr. Parrish was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman, a position he has held for the past two years. He presided as Chair of the Board in 2001.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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